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NEW YORK--TWO YOUNG U.S. TOURISTS WHO WERE DEPORTED FROM RUSSIA AFTER BEING DETAINED ON SPY CHARGES FOR SEVEN WEEKS, DENIED YESTERDAY THEY WERE CIA AGENTS.

MARK I. KAMINSKY, 28, OF ANN ARBOR, MICH., AND HARVEY C. BENNETT, 26, OF BATH, MAINE, CATEGORICALLY DENIED THEY WERE ESPIONAGE AGENTS AFTER THEY LANDED HERE FROM EUROPE. DREW PEARSON HAD WRITTEN THAT THEY WORKED FOR THE CIA.

"I CAN SAY DEFINITELY THAT I WAS NOT A CIA AGENT." SAID KAMINSKY.

"THIS REPORT IS COMPLETELY FALSE," SAID BENNETT.

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